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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 11/30/59

WEATHER Temperatures averaged a little below normal with rather cold weather from Thursday on. Light snow fell at most stations, but amounts were usually too light to be of consequence. Several days were windy. There was about the usual amount of sunshine. Humidity was rather low.

CROPS High winds last week caused some damage to wheat fields in the western districts. Most Panhandle counties and some counties in the southwest experienced dust and blowing soil conditions. The late planted wheat crop lacks height and protective cover. It is vulnerable to damage from blowing soil and exposure. Surface soil is getting quite dry with no appreciable rain or snow experienced for several weeks in much of the western wheat area of the State. Early germinated wheat has better ground cover, experiencing only slight damage, except on light soils.

Corn harvest moved into the final stages, although some eastern areas made only slight headway last week. Nearly 90 percent of the corn crop was picked by last Saturday. Many central counties are finished but some eastern and northeastern counties have a large acreage yet to pick. Progress was quite slow in the northeast with snow and wet fields still holding up picking operations--or restricting them to a few hours each day while the ground was frozen. Some corn in extreme eastern Nebraska still has a fairly high moisture content and picking consequently was delayed. Lodged corn fields, broken stalks, and fallen ears were factors in slowing the harvest in many parts of the State.

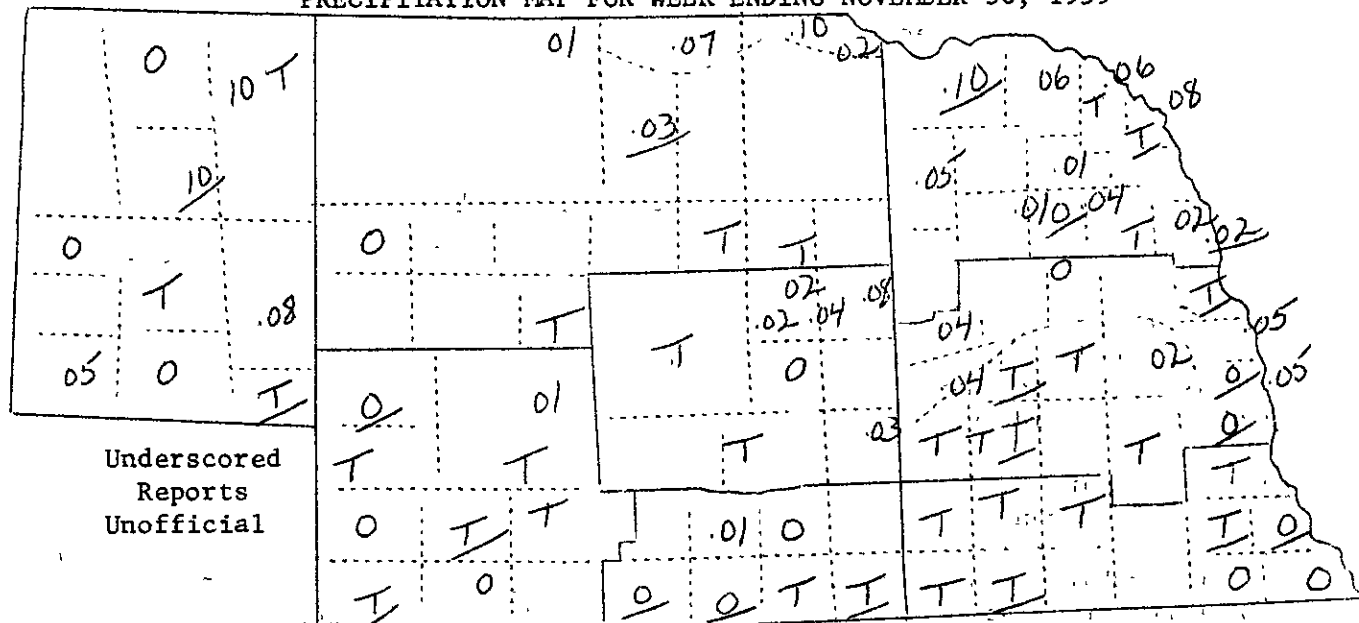
Milo harvest is virtually finished. Warmer weather permitted growers to dig sugar beets that had been in frozen ground. A few beet fields remained to be dug, but the harvest is just about over.

LIVESTOCK Cattle continue to move into harvested corn fields as picking is finished. Demand is fairly strong for feeder livestock to glean fallen grain. Livestock gains increased with more moderate temperatures. Open weather permitted use of field roughage and cured pasture and range feeds, except in a number of northern areas having snow cover.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1959

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.03	Burwell	0	Chadron	.06
Lincoln	0	North Platte	.01	Imperial	.03
Norfolk	.01	Valentine	.01	Scottsbluff	.11
Omaha	.05			Sidney	0
Sioux City	.08				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1959



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST)

		November		24th		25th		26th		27th		28th		29th		30th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	54	33	41	27	48	22	34	18	23	8	46	24	43	29		
	Scottsbluff	63	28	48	26	55	21	32	13	25	7	50	16	45	25		
	Sidney	63	30	47	29	58	22	32	10	25	10	48	18	46	27		
NC	Burwell	55	32	41	29	56	13	38	17	27	1	33	14	--	--		
	Valentine	42	33	40	31	51	19	34	20	24	2	35	18	46	25		
NE	Norfolk	50	36	40	28	41	17	29	13	26	12	27	16	45	25		
	Sioux City	44	34	39	26	32	17	27	17	25	6	27	11	43	28		
Gen	Grand Island	60	33	43	29	52	17	37	15	34	5	31	17	50	24		
EC	Lincoln	54	37	42	31	46	20	33	20	35	13	27	17	42	30		
	Omaha	47	33	40	26	37	21	32	16	28	7	24	14	40	27		
SW	Imperial	67	37	50	31	58	23	37	17	29	6	44	19	51	29		
	North Platte	69	35	49	25	59	18	38	18	28	1	36	16	45	18		

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